

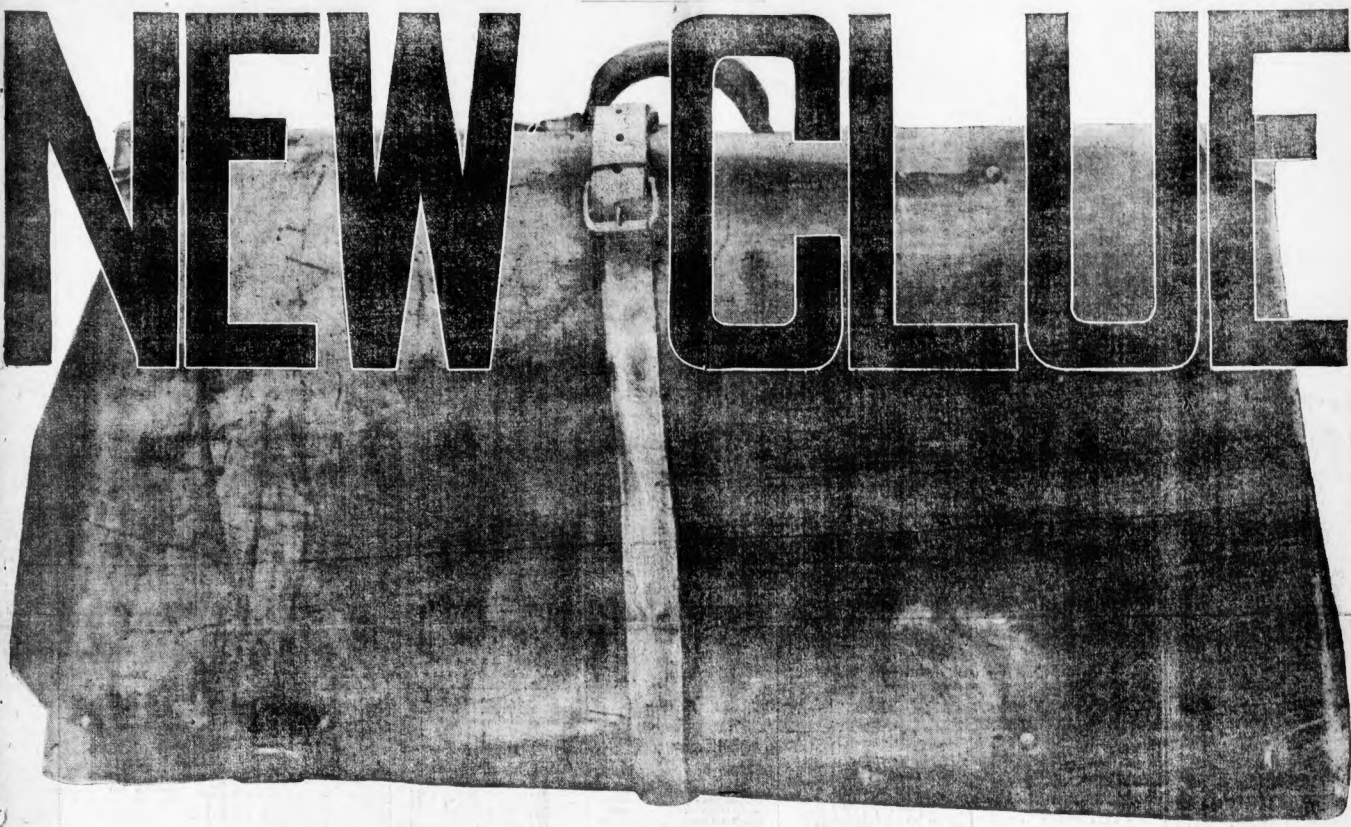
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For Boston and vicinity:
Fair to-day and Tuesday;
fresh to brisk southwest
winds, shifting to west.
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POLICE SEEK MISSING HATTIE KNOWLES, HOPE TO SOLVE SUIT CASE MYSTERY



THIS IS SUIT CASE BY WHICH WINTHROP'S MURDER MAY BE SOLVED

SHROUDED BY 200, BUT CONVICT ESCAPES

FRANCIS ELUDES CORDON — BLOODHOUND
LOSES SCENT AT BROOK.

BRIDGEWATER, Sept. 25.—Trailing a bloodhound and hunted by men, with 200 others surrounded the woods he was known to be in, Minot St. Clair Francis, the dangerously insane negro convict who escaped with Frank R. Wiley from the State House Hospital here more than a week ago, eluded the whole posse and now somewhere in the vicinity of Hingham or Sharon.

Before daylight the big crowd of men and boys who had guarded the route and cart paths through the dense wood near the Prospect Hill Cemetery, started on the chase through the undergrowth, gradually narrowing in toward the centre of the woods.

They came across a hill where some one had been staying lately, and found some half-eaten fruit and raw vegetables. There were from footprints, they got a trace of the escaped convict.

William F. Jennings, who was stationed in a path leading into the old cedar swamp near the woods, saw a suit case emerge from the woods and enter the swamp. But a moment before he had heard a revolver shot just a short distance behind him. A few seconds later he saw James Charlock, another of the posse, who says he saw a man climb down from a big tree and run away. He said he was positive the man was Francis.

At this point a man was spotted for a bloodhound owned by Henry Angel of East Bridgewater, and in a short time the animal had taken up the scent from the trail and ran a mile the bloodhound followed the trail it came to a brook, where the trail was broken. Although the dog was led up on both sides of the brook for some distance, there was nothing to be seen which could know the hunter, and who knew this locality say that Francis got into the cedar swamp there is nothing to hinder him from getting through it to Sharon or Easton.

Francis was seen on the Martin Smith farm during the night by a boy. The negro stole a long light-colored coat from the farm and escaped before anyone could get track of him.

A report came from twenty shillings of Hingham that a negro stopped at the house of Charles Clark in South Hingham at 2:30 in the morning and he turned the way to Rehoboth. The negro carried a short club and answered the description of Francis. Reports have also come from Mansfield that two men resembling Wiley and Francis have been seen there.

GET IMPORTANT CLUES IN CHASE DEATH MYSTERY

Chief Harris Confers Frequently with Dead Woman's Two Brothers.

Chief Harris of the Swampscott police here says that he expects very important developments in the mysterious case of Mrs. Hattie Phillips Chase, the wealthy woman whose husband found her smothered on the floor of her kitchen two weeks ago Sunday, and who died the following Wednesday without revealing any clue.

Lieutenant H. Phillips and Charles E. Phillips, brothers of the dead woman, have been in conference with Chief Harris several times since Saturday, and are understood to have given the chief information of the most important nature. Just what this information is Chief Harris will not say.

The State police are anxiously awaiting the report of Professor Whitney and his assistants at Harvard, who are analyzing the internal organs of the dead woman to see whether or not poison was administered to her before death. The report of the chemists will largely determine the police as to what action they shall take in the case.

The long clue which clung to her from the woman's illness and state of the body, leads to the disappearance of the police.

Although developments are coming slowly, the police say they have not dropped the case and do not intend to drop it until they are satisfied that there cannot be the slightest doubt that the woman took her own life.

LUMLER SHIP CUT DOWN, MAKES PORT

VINEYARD HAVEN, Sept. 25.—The schooner Viola, lumberladen and bound from St. John, N. B., for New York, was cut down in the night by the cutter Tatum of the Boston and Philadelphia fleets, and came into harbor here in a wrecked condition.

New London Girl, Last Seen in Boston, Answers Description of Dead Woman, and Owned a Suit Case, Olive in Color---Oil Cloth Buyer Also Sought To-day.

Having eliminated dozens of clues that were at first thought to lead to a solution of the ghastly crime brought to light by the finding of the horribly mutilated torso of a woman in a dress suit case in Winthrop Harbor, the State and Winthrop police to-day take up the investigation of two or three new clues.

The most promising of these is the disappearance of Hattie Knowles, a young West End woman, whose description tallies with that of the murdered woman, and who has been mysteriously missing from her usual haunts in the West End for more than three weeks.

The importance of this clue is increased by the statement of several persons who knew the woman that she owned an olive brown dress suit case very similar to the one in which the trunk of the woman was found. The police to-day will try to find that dress suit case. Failing in that, they will ask friends of the missing woman to examine the dress suit case at the State House in an endeavor to identify it as the property of the Knowles woman.

The missing woman was 23 years of age, weighed about 120 pounds, and had very light hair. From the fragments of the woman's body now in possession of the police the physicians who made the autopsy estimated that the dead woman was of about this age, and weighed about the same as did the Knowles woman.

Two men, one of whom has a very good knowledge of Boston harbor, its tides and currents, will be examined by the police to-day with reference to their connection with the woman. From them the police hope to obtain some very important information.

EXCITED, WANTED OIL CLOTH.

From Lawrence A. Hogg, of No. 105 Talbot avenue, Dorchester, in charge of the men's furnishing department at R. H. White & Co.'s big store, the police have obtained a clue that may have an important bearing on the crime.

Mr. Hogg says that a short time ago a slightly excited man called at the store and asked where he could buy oil cloth. The fact that the man called at the store was wrapped in a kind of oil cloth or rubber blanket gave Mr. Hogg the impression that this man, because of his excited questioning and worried appearance, may be connected with the case.

Gateman Barclay Perrell of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroad and James T. Cook of No. 63 Crescent avenue, Beachmont, both say that on last Thursday they saw a man carrying a very heavy and bulky olive brown dress suit case board a ferry boat. They think the man took a train for Winthrop.

DRESS SUIT BULKY

Mr. Perrell says: "The dress suit case attracted my attention because it was so heavy and bulky. The man carrying it was about five feet nine inches tall and had a dark mustache. He was about four and a half inches tall, and that the olive brown dress suit case he carried was torn about the handle, similarly to the one now in the possession of the police and which contained the mutilated torso of a woman." Mr. Cook also says that the dress suit case he saw was very bulky.

CHIEF SHAW SAYS HOPE LIES IN SUIT CASE AND FINDING HEAD

"That the guilty person will soon be located I should say is extremely doubtful. There are just two things we have to work on, the attempt to secure an identification of the dress suit case and the attempt to find the woman's head. There is absolutely nothing else."

"I hope the newspapers will continue to print as conspicuously as possible pictures of the dress suit case. Sooner or later someone is most likely to recognize it."—Chief Shaw of the State Police.

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Have you seen a man or woman carrying a suit case of that color, at any time recently? Have you seen such a suit case in a wagon, express room or elsewhere? Are any female members of your family missing? Or do you know of any missing woman?

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